

The Vermont Phoenix.

Announcements.

Albert & Ackerman announce special cash sale at the Richardson market tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Must Be Settled Before Feb. 15. Some of the greatest show but all of the Melan & Proctor must be settled before Feb. 15, or they will then be placed in the hands of Attorney A. C. Spencer for collection.

C. M. Park, Tutor. Principal of the BRATTLEBORO PRIVATE SCHOOL, shorthand taught at a low price.

BRATTLEBORO.

Thomas Pentland will lead the 4 o'clock meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms Sunday.

The Y. M. C. A. basketball team will go to Saxtons River Monday to play the Vermont Academy team.

Watassiquet lodge of Odd Fellows gave an assembly, one of the regular series, in Odd Fellows hall last evening. About 35 couples attended.

The first meeting of the creditors of J. E. Haynes will hold Monday in the office of F. D. Stowe, referee in bankruptcy. John H. Merrifield was elected trustee unanimously.

The H. S. Whist club, numbering, with substitutes, about 20, went to Putney on a sleigh ride Wednesday evening, enjoying a fine supper at the Kendrick House and participating in a dance which was arranged by Putney people.

James A. Pullen has sold his house on Chapin street to Elmer D. Powers of Springfield, Mass., taking in exchange Mr. Powers's house in that city. Mr. Pullen expects to move soon to Springfield, where he has two business opportunities.

Twenty-one members of the Congregational Christian Endeavor society went to Marlboro on a sleigh ride last night. A fine ride and a fine chicken pie supper at the Congregational church in Marlboro rounded out a pleasant evening.

Ladies' night will be observed at the meeting of the Brattleboro lodge, New England Order of Protection, next Thursday evening in Red Men's hall. The ladies will serve a hash supper from 6 to 7.30, which will be followed by an entertainment, consisting of music and a farce. All are invited to attend.

Protective Grange will hold its annual griddle cake supper in Grange hall next Wednesday evening. The supper will consist of hot griddle cakes and maple syrup, hash, pies, etc., and will be followed by a social dance. Music will be furnished by Dugan and Hines. Supper from 6 to 8. Dancing from 8 to 12.

Elbert Hubbard of Roycroft fame, editor of the Philistine, has been engaged to lecture in the Y. M. C. A. Star course in the Auditorium March 10. The lecture committee received word from John Temple Graves, who was scheduled to speak early in the course, but who missed his train connection on the day set for the lecture, that he would not be able to come at all, having no open date, and the committee engaged Mr. Hubbard in his stead. The tickets issued for Mr. Graves's lecture will admit the holders to hear Mr. Hubbard.

A memorial service was held at the Universalist Sunday school last Sunday for the late Mrs. John E. Hubbard. Mrs. Hubbard was a faithful teacher in the school for many years and exerted a noble influence upon a large class of young men. The memorial service consisted of responsive readings by the school, songs by Mr. Braser and Miss Eva Sanders, and "Lead, Kindly Light," sung by the Bible class. One of the most impressive tributes was a song by a quartet of young men from Mrs. Hubbard's class. Mr. Marvin spoke of her life and offered prayer.

"Silverdale," the well known summer resort at Spofford lake, has been sold this week, through F. J. Bailey's real estate agency, to Charles C. Abbey of Chicopee, Mass., a wholesale coal dealer. The property has been owned and managed the past two years by James A. Pullen of Brattleboro, who finds that he will be unable to give his attention to it any longer. The property comprises 23 acres, including the island, which contains nine acres, and six cottages, besides the hotel, dance pavilion, etc. Mr. Abbey intends to make extensive improvements in the property, increasing the capacity of the house by 100, adding several amusements and making the grounds generally more attractive. He is considering a plan to put a new steamer on the lake for the use of his patrons.

The suit of Mrs. Frances P. Hallett of Vergennes against Frank L. Fish as receiver of the Farmers' National bank of Vergennes, to recover a loan of \$25,000, was heard before Judge Wheeler in the United States Court in the Brooks House Wednesday afternoon and yesterday morning. Shortly before the bank collapsed, the cashier, D. H. Lewis, borrowed of Mrs. Hallett the sum named, and she now claims that the loan was made not as a personal loan to Lewis, but as a loan to the bank. Her counsel, Judge H. H. Powers, argued before Judge Wheeler that Lewis went to Mrs. Hallett, told her that the bank was in trouble, and after obtaining her promise of a loan asked her if she wished him to bring in the president and vice president of the bank to corroborate his statements. Ex-Gov. Ormsbee and Mr. Fish argued that the loan was a personal matter between Mrs. Hallett and Lewis and had nothing to do with the institution.

State of Vermont, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., dealing in business in Toledo, Ohio, and that he is a resident of Toledo, Ohio, and that he is a citizen of the United States.

Signed, this 10th day of December, A. D. 1902. (Seal) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

DRESS SUITS.

E. E. Perry & Co. will supply Full Dress Suits to those that desire them for the Masonic Ball. Orders accepted up to Monday night.

Rev. W. P. Jackson of Dummerston will occupy the pulpit in the Congregational church next Sunday in exchange with Rev. H. R. Miles.

A large number of Brattleboro people are planning to attend the festival at Vernon Thursday evening, Feb. 19, which will be given by the ladies' circle.

The United States Daughters of 1812 will hold a social and sale of useful and fancy articles at the residence of Mrs. H. E. Bond Saturday afternoon, March 14, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Broad Brook Grange will give their annual sugar supper and dance this (Friday) evening in Grange hall, Guilford Centre. A. H. Hines will prompt for dancing. All are cordially invited.

G. E. Gilman came home from a western trip Tuesday morning, bringing two carloads of horses, which he offers for sale at his Elliot street stables. The lot consists of ten pairs of well matched horses, and the balance are good single horses.

Mrs. F. C. Adams gave a sleigh ride last evening to the members of her class of young men in the Congregational Sunday school. They went to Newfane, where a fine chicken pie supper was served by Landford Burke. The party returned about 11.30 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of the Brattleboro Woman's club at the Brooks House Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 18, at 3.30 o'clock. The meeting will take the form of a musicale, and the paper by Miss Stewart on "The Music of Negroes," will be interspersed with illustrated music.

Mrs. Hannah S. Colburn, a devoted Unitarian, who died in Leominster, Mass., a few days ago, bequeathed several thousand dollars to her friends in that city. Among the legatees are Rev. J. B. Green, who will receive two bank books, and his daughter, Mrs. Nellie Braser of Brattleboro, who will receive \$500.

The Young People's Home Mission circle of the Methodist church will hold a valentine party at the parsonage, 52 High street, tomorrow evening. A general invitation is extended, and an enjoyable time is confidently expected. Home made cake, candy, and lemonade will be on sale. In the interest of the work of the circle.

D. F. Brackett had his left hand lacerated by a saw at the Estey organ plant Friday noon. The end of one finger was cut off and two other fingers were badly cut. A wound also was made on the inside of the hand. Stitches were taken in dressing the wound. Brackett had been at the work but a short time, having been confined to his home by illness.

An item in a New York financial despatch this week says: "It is reported that W. C. Whitney of this city has acquired a controlling interest in the Tonopah Mining company, which owns the best producing mines at Tonopah, Nev. The property has already yielded several million dollars." This is the name of John F. Anderson holds a leading interest.

A communication from M. W. Brooks of Townsend was published in the Boston Globe Monday, stating in substance that Mr. Brooks had a violin bearing the name "Antoni Stradivarius Crompton, Fribat, Anno 1796." Many people have been led to believe that they were owners of genuine "Strads" by this same inscription. Several of these instruments are owned in Brattleboro, but they are imitations, pure and simple, and are worth only a nominal price. It may be, however, that Mr. Brooks's instrument is one of the original make.

L. Warren Pratt, 62, died Friday afternoon at his home on Myrtle street, after a short illness with pneumonia. He appeared to be in good health, but contracted a cold, which ended in pneumonia. Mr. Pratt was a teamster, and was employed a long time by the late E. E. Stokewell. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Etta Wood, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Charles Goodell of Brattleboro. The funeral was held at the home at 10 o'clock Sunday, Rev. H. R. Miles officiating. The body was taken to Oakham, Mass., Monday morning for burial.

The Massachusetts senate passed, last Monday, in concurrence, the bill permitting the Connecticut River railroad company to acquire the stock of the Vermont Valley railroad. There was opposition to the bill, on the ground that it might result in the stock-watering, and the Boston Herald reports Senator Munroe as saying during the discussion that: "The Vermont Valley road was 23 miles long, something like the neck of a bottle between Bellows Falls and Windsor, Vt., etc. Probably geographical accident was a factor in this discussion—but whatever did the senator mean by 'the neck of a bottle' in this connection?"

Lewis A. Gregg, of the firm of Morris & Gregg, manager of the firm's store in Greenfield, has taken the agency of the Tabard Inn library for the counties of Franklin, Hampshire and Berkshire. Negotiations are in progress for the sale of the Greenfield store, in which case Mr. Gregg will move to Springfield. Mr. Gregg will move to Springfield, establishing a central office in that city. The Tabard Inn library is under the same management as the Booklovers' library, and is growing at a rapid rate. Mr. Gregg will be paid a salary, besides a commission on new business. He will appoint sub agents and have general oversight of their work. For the present he will retain his interest in the Brattleboro store. The need of outdoor employment in consideration of his health, which has induced him to give up his present business.

The funeral of Mrs. J. E. Hubbard was held Friday at 2 p. m., at the family home in Vernon. Many relatives and intimate friends were present from Brattleboro, Vernon and Guilford. Among those who came from a distance were the daughter, Mrs. E. L. Wood, of Camden, N. J.; Mrs. J. Allen of St. Johnsbury; Ernest Hubbard of Portland, Conn.; and O. H. Stevens and daughter, Mrs. J. H. Stevens, of Chicopee, Mass. Floral tributes sent by relatives, friends and the several organizations with which Mrs. Hubbard was identified, covered and adorned the casket. Rev. R. K. Hubbard spoke appreciatively of Mrs. Gregg's character and of the high regard in which she was held by all who knew her. Four nephews—Fred L. and Charles A. Smith and Dr. Leslie Edwards of Brattleboro, and Ernest Hubbard of Marlboro—acted as bearers. The burial was in the North cemetery, adjoining the old homestead, by the side of the son, Alva, who died seven years ago.

N. W. Loomis, an aged inmate of the Brattleboro Home for the Aged and Disabled, fell on the ice near the Home Friday and broke one arm above the elbow.

The members of the Junior Epworth League were given a sleigh ride about town Saturday afternoon. After the ride refreshments were served in the church.

The diamonds which are offered as prizes in the Vermont Wheel club's billiard and pool tournament have been exhibited in Vaughan & Burnett's show window this week.

A hearing was held before Referee F. D. Stowe Saturday on the petition of Harlan Goodhue of Westminster, trustee of the bankrupt estate of Luke Rice, for permission to sell the real estate. Permission was granted.

A special train will be run from Brattleboro to Bellows Falls on the day of the annual meeting of the eighth Masonic district, Feb. 26, provided a sufficient guarantee is given by the railroad company. Subscription papers are in the hands of Dennison Cowles and George M. Clay.

The Boston & Maine Railroad company has instructed its conductors and brakemen not to allow card playing for money on the trains and to stop any game which they have reason to believe is being conducted for a stake. It is said that a gang of card sharps has been working on the train between Montreal and Springfield for some time. The public will endorse the action of the railroad company.

A car loaded with coal was pushed over the bumpers at the end of the track on the coal chute in the railroad yard Friday and dangled in the air 40 feet above ground. In order to run the cars up the incline to the elevated track it is necessary to get a flying start, and in the excitement of the moment it was so great that it was impossible to set the brakes hard enough to keep the end car from going over the bumpers.

Sunday and Sunday night's storm interfered with railroad traffic to some extent. The "owl" train Monday morning, due at 5.15, did not arrive until 8.30 and the narrow gauge train due at 8.55 did not put in an appearance until 10.15. The snow on the track north of the narrow gauge went as far as Williamsville, where it received orders to return after the snow plow. The Wilmington stage was unable to get through Monday.

The contract for the lease of H. L. Emerson's brick building on Flat street by the Brattleboro Overall company has been signed, and as soon as possible Mr. Emerson will begin to erect another brick building on the site of the wooden building occupied by E. L. Parker and Oscar Smith, a part of which will be occupied by the overall company. Mr. Parker and Mr. Smith will vacate their present quarters March 1. The building will be torn down by Leslie Smith, who will have the lumber.

The members of the First Regiment band have engaged L. C. Shackley of Greenfield to stage their minstrel show, which will be given in the auditorium Friday evening, March 20. Mr. Shackley is particularly well qualified for this work, having put on a large number of minstrel shows in other sections with pronounced success. L. K. Willis of Pittsfield will be the chief instructor and will favor his old-time friends with a ballad. The musical scores have been completed by E. E. Bagley. The chorus will include some of the best known singers in town and the choruses will be new and up-to-date. There will be 60 people in the performance. Refreshments will begin next Monday night.

Special meetings of Vermont undertakers will be held in Vermont this month, in Brattleboro the 22d, 24th and 25th, and in St. Johnsbury the following three days. Prof. A. Johnson Dodge, of the Massachusetts College of Embalming, will preside and will give instruction to undertakers who will be preparing for the examinations which will be held soon by the state board. The headquarters in Brattleboro will be the Bond's undertaking rooms. The new law regulating the practice of embalming requires all undertakers who are not registered to pass an examination before the board of health before engaging in that branch of undertaking.

Nathan Wallace Sargent, 72, died at his home in Centerville about 7.30 o'clock yesterday morning of organic heart disease. His last serious illness was of about two weeks' duration. Mr. Sargent was born in Dummerston in August 1830, but was a lifelong resident of this town. In his younger days he was a contractor and builder, but for 18 years or more he had been employed by the Estey Organ company. He married Marie Antoinette Good of Marlboro April 2, 1868.

Mrs. Sargent died on her birthday anniversary in 1885. Mr. Sargent leaves one sister, Mrs. Lyman Ray of Gardiner, Mass., and three children, Miss Flora M. Sargent of Boston, Ida, wife of David E. Miller of West Brattleboro, and Willard B. Sargent, who lives at home. The funeral will be held at the house at 2.30 o'clock tomorrow, Rev. Geo. B. Lawson officiating. The burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery. Mr. Sargent was a lineal descendant of Col. John Sargent, who was born at Fort Dummer and who was the first white child born in Vermont.

The body of Miss Ethel Currier, 22, who died in Topsham Saturday, was brought to Brattleboro Wednesday for burial. A large number of friends were at the station, including representatives of the Brattleboro lodge, of which Miss Currier's mother was a member. Rev. George B. Lawson of the First Baptist church, officiated at the committal service in Prospect Hill cemetery. The bearers were employed at the Brattleboro Retreat, where Mr. Currier was engaged many years. Miss Currier was a daughter of Charles E. Currier and was born in Brattleboro April 14, 1880. Her mother died four years ago last October.

She lived in Brattleboro until she was 18 years old, when her father bought a farm in Topsham, which he has carried on since. Miss Currier kept house for her father and her brothers, Harry and Edwin. She was taken ill Dec. 1 with inflammation of the stomach, which caused her death at 11.30 o'clock Saturday. The funeral was held in the church at Topsham Tuesday. The church was filled. Miss Currier was a young woman of Christian character and winning ways that made her many friends. Her father and brothers have the sympathy of a wide acquaintance.

The Pilgrim Fathers will have a card party in Grand Army hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 17.

Friendship Circle will meet next Friday afternoon, Feb. 20, at Odd Fellows hall. Supper will be served at 6.15.

A hearing on the petition of E. A. Starkey for a discharge from bankruptcy will be held tomorrow before F. D. Stowe, referee.

W. H. Moody, for several years employed by E. B. Barrows & Co., has bought F. H. Davis's express business and will take possession next week.

The Alliance study class will meet at the Unitarian parsonage next Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Subject, "Constantine and the Spirit of Policy."

The Ladies' Catholic Benevolent association met with Mrs. Hildesheim at her home on West street Tuesday evening. Refreshments were served.

Ethan Allen lodge, New England Order of Protection, will hold a box supper in Red Men's hall next Tuesday evening, followed by a dance, to which all are invited.

The Twentieth Century whist club were entertained Wednesday evening by Miss Margaret Lynch at her home on Elliot street. Next Tuesday evening the club will meet with Miss Matilda Donahue on Elliot street.

The Catholic Union held a ladies' night at the Red Men's hall Monday evening. Dancing and card playing were enjoyed from 8 to 12 o'clock, and refreshments of lemonade and wafers were served. Over 60 couples were present. Music for dancing was furnished by Hines and Dugan.

A reception was tendered Miss Emma S. Wardle Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wellman on West street. Among the guests in the schools, which have been under Miss Wardle's jurisdiction as supervisor, from which position she resigned last week. Refreshments were served and the occasion was spent in a very enjoyable way.

The Congregational club has engaged Walter David of Boston, an impersonator, to furnish the entertainment at a next meeting of the club, which will be held in the Brooks House Tuesday, Feb. 24. Mr. David is one of the foremost impersonators in Boston and is recommended by high authorities in the entertainment line. The usual banquet will be given.

Viola Adelia Hescox, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hescox of Colrain street, died Wednesday night of congestion of the lungs. The funeral was held at the home Friday. Rev. Charles E. Beals officiating. Interment for the present was in the tomb in the Federal street cemetery. Later the body will be taken to West Brattleboro for burial.—Greenfield Recorder.

The Young People's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. F. E. Beaman Monday evening. The attendance was unusually large. The topic discussed was Mormonism and Utah. The society was divided into two sections, and each division will try to get as many new members as possible before the next meeting, which will be on the second Monday in March.

A verdict in favor of A. G. Barnes of Vernon was rendered by Justice F. E. Stowe Tuesday at the close of a hearing. Mr. Barnes had sued against Warren G. Doolittle of Brattleboro. The action was brought to recover a balance claimed to be due on a lumber job, amounting to \$87.89. The costs were taxed against the defendant. The defense put in no evidence and appealed to the county court. C. E. Farr appeared for the plaintiff and H. G. Barber for the defendant.

The Y. M. C. A. basketball team was defeated by the St. Marys team in Turners Falls Wednesday night 22 to 16. The St. Marys team claims to be the champion team in the Connecticut league. The game was not a basketball game, it was played in Brattleboro, and if the Turners Falls team ever comes to Brattleboro it will be shown that a Brattleboro audience treats a visiting team with courtesy and respect. A crowd of 500 people yelled continually for the home team, and had nothing but jeers and hisses for the Brattleboro boys.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Valley Fair association will be held in the Brooks House Friday day of next week at 11 o'clock. The meeting will be followed by the annual dinner to the directors. One of the important matters of business to be transacted will be the election of a president to succeed the late Col. George W. Howe. George W. Pierce, first vice president, filled the position acceptably last year, and the sentiment among the officials of the association appears to be in favor of promoting Mr. Pierce to the presidency.

A meeting of the Audubon society was held Monday evening with Miss Maud L. Emerson. Mrs. E. B. Davenport read a paper giving a detailed account of new birds, ferns and flowers seen on Mt. Mansfield during June and July. Seventy-five species of birds were seen, including the olive-backed and Bicknell's thrushes and the winter wren. Reports of birds seen in town indicate that chickadees, woodpeckers and white-breasted nuthatches are here in their usual numbers, while the red-breasted nuthatch has not been reported. American crossbills have been seen, also a robin.

The annual concert and ball which will be given in Festival hall next Tuesday by the members of the Masonic fraternity in Brattleboro promises to be the social event of the season.

The work of decorating the hall American Decorating company, who will use clean new stock and will make the hall the handsomest it has ever been. Guests are expected from Orange, Athol, Greenfield, Northampton, Bellows Falls, Wilmington, Putney and Hinsdale. At 8 o'clock the Leisler's First Regiment orchestra will give a concert, and at 9 o'clock the grand march will be led by Beauregard Commandery, Knights Templar, in regalia. The music for the march has been composed for the occasion by E. E. Bagley and dedicated to the commandery. Supper will be served at 11.30 o'clock by T. F. Turner, caterer. The committee of arrangements includes R. C. Bacon, J. B. Randall, C. F. R. Jones, F. L. Swift, C. F. Thomas and W. B. Vinton. Col. Ball will be under the direction of Anthony F. Schwenk and assistants. Gallery tickets are on sale at Thomas's drug store.

The Vermont Wheel club will hold a ladies' night meeting Feb. 27.

Guy P. Howe has been elected a member of the Republican town committee in Athol.

The outlook for the maple sugar season is not encouraging. There is little frost in the ground to aid the flow of sap.

Rev. Horatio Gray, 74, a retired Episcopal clergyman, who had been a frequent visitor in Brattleboro, died in Boston yesterday.

About 30 people from the Baptist church went to Putney on a sleigh ride last night, having a chicken-pie supper at the Baptist church there.

The ladies' society of the Congregational church voted at a business meeting yesterday not to hold a fair this year, having found it easier to raise money in other ways.

The next assembly in the Brooks House will be held next Friday evening. The golf club military whist party, which was scheduled for that evening, has been postponed to some evening in March.

Henry C. Marsh, formerly of Brattleboro, died at the Soldiers Home in Bennington Wednesday. He was a member of Company A, Third Vermont regiment, and was well known in Brattleboro, Dummerston and Whitingham.

The deeds were passed this morning in the sale of the Dr. E. R. Lynch house on Elliot street, owned by Frank D. Warner of Springfield, Mass., to Fleming & Crown. Mr. Warner takes in exchange a farm in Chesterfield and some building lots on Horton place, on which he expects to build a tenement house. The sale was made through F. J. Bailey's agency. Fleming & Crown may also put up a business building on the site of the building now occupied by Dr. Lynch, but they do not expect to do so this year.

Mrs. Fanny A. Baker, 88, of Putney, widow of Haynes E. Baker, died at her home about 4 o'clock this morning of heart disease. She had been in failing health a long time. Her maiden name was Fanny A. Eager, and she formerly lived in Newfane. Her husband, who died in 1871, was one of the leading citizens of the town, where he was engaged in the mercantile business over 20 years. Mrs. Baker leaves two daughters, Mrs. John E. Russell of Williamstown, Mass., and Mrs. A. F. Kelley of Minneapolis.

The dramatic performances given in the Auditorium this week by the Rho Lorraine company, have been fairly well patronized, and when the price of admission is considered no fault can be found with the work of the company, in which there are 15 people. The musical specialties between the acts are alone worth the price of admission. The house was full Monday night, when "A Parisian Princess" was given. The program since then has been as follows: Tuesday night, "Under Two Flags," which was repeated Wednesday afternoon; Wednesday night, "Homespun Hearts"; Thursday night, "By Swanee River"; Friday night, "The Orphan's Tale." The performance tonight will be "A Royal Prisoner," tomorrow evening, "The Orphan's Tale." The specialties are different every evening, and the performance is continuous from first to last.

H. P. Farr and W. M. Ware of Putney appeared before Judge Wheeler in the Brooks House yesterday afternoon in response to a citation demanding their presence in court to show cause why they should not be dealt with for interfering with the estate of Mr. Ware, bankrupt, and the possession thereof by the trustee, George T. Apple. Findings of fact had been submitted to Judge Wheeler in which it was stated that Mr. Farr and Mr. Ware had fed out and were feeding out from day to day a large portion of the crops belonging to the estate. C. C. Pitts, Justice of the Peace, appeared for Mr. Farr and Mr. Ware, and Lawyer A. E. Schwenk appeared for Mr. Apple. It appeared that Mr. Farr and Mr. Ware, under the advice of counsel, had been feeding stock on crops which they expected would be set out as exempt by the trustee. They were exonerated from blame by their counsel. Judge Wheeler, after warning them not to continue as they had been doing, adjourned the court to one week from today.

CHURCH AND FRATERNITY.

At the meeting of the W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon Mrs. Allen gave an interesting Bible reading. A mothers' meeting will be held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Unitarian church, Rev. E. Q. S. Osborn. Sunday school at 10.45. Theme for next Sunday, "The Crown of Life." The Channing Guild will meet at the parsonage at 7 o'clock. All are welcome.

Universalist church. Morning worship at 10.30 o'clock. Rev. Albert Hammett will preach Sunday school at 11.45 a. m. The Senior Union will meet at the Home for the Aged at 2 p. m. All are welcome.

Christian Science services in Market block, Sunday at 10.45 a. m. Subject, "Mind." Sunday school, 12 m. Testimonial meeting, Wednesday, at 7.30 p. m. Leading room open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2 to 5 p. m. All are welcome.

Adventist Christian church, prayer meeting at 10.45 a. m.; Sunday school, noon. Rev. J. H. Boston of Worcester, Mass., will preach at 2.30 and 7 p. m. The afternoon service will be followed by communion. Loyal Workers' meeting at 6. All are cordially invited.

First Baptist church, George B. Lawson, minister. Morning worship, 10.30. Subject, "The Transfiguration." Bible school, 12 m. Subject, "The First Temptation of Jesus." Methodist Episcopal church, Preaching services on Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sabbath school at 11.45; Epworth League prayer meeting at 6. The regular meetings of the week are the church services on Tuesday evening, Junior Epworth League Wednesday afternoon at 2.15, and church prayer meeting Friday evening. All are welcome. The fourth quarterly conference will be held Monday evening, Feb. 23. F. W. Lewis pastor, 22 High street.

The Knights and Ladies of Honor will meet Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sargent.

WEST BRATTLEBORO.

Mrs. Vera A. Jakway was called to Brattleboro Monday by the critical illness of her husband's mother, Mrs. Thomas Jakway.

Houghton & Simonds's New Store.

Houghton & Simonds will open to the public tomorrow one of the best appointed and best equipped stores in Brattleboro. It will comprise, in fact, two stores, the one which has become familiar to the people of Brattleboro and the community roundabout as the F. K. Barrows store and the one which has been occupied by E. T. Starkey & Co., which Houghton & Simonds have leased and have combined with the Barrows store. The two stores have been thrown into one by cutting a large archway through the partition. The cashier's desk has been located in the south side of the new store, and the stock of goods, including and counters, to match those of the old store, and new gas fixtures have been put in. The proprietors have added to their already large line of goods several new lines, including wash fabrics, shirt waists, single shirt waists, patterns, wrappers, etc. There will be a change of the old store and Mr. Houghton will take charge of the new store, each doing the buying for the departments under his own supervision. Since buying out Mr. Barrows last April the young men have conducted the business with enthusiasm and enterprise, and an effort to deserve their share of the public patronage.

A slight change has been made in the corporate title of the E. P. Carpenter company, also a readjustment of the stockholders' interests. Result: In an increased capital stock. There will be no change in the management, however, or in the conduct of the business. At the last session of the legislature a charter was granted to "The Carpenter Company" with an authorized capital stock of \$100,000, of which \$40,000 is six per cent. cumulative preferred stock and the balance, \$60,000, common stock. This corporation was organized for the purpose of taking over all the property and assets of the E. P. Carpenter company, as well as assuming the liabilities of the last named corporation. At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Carpenter company these officers were elected: Directors, George E. Crowell, Martin Austin, Jr., and B. H. Mitchell; President, George E. Crowell; treasurer, general manager, Martin Austin, Jr.; auditor, C. B. Crowell; superintendent, John H. Morris. The annual report for 1902 was read Tuesday night, which year exceeded those of any other year that the company has been located in Brattleboro, the most encouraging feature being the increase in domestic trade. The foreign trade was also about the same as for the previous year, and the same is now about equally divided between the home and foreign market. The year 1903 has opened with bright prospects for business, the shipments for January exceeding those of any similar month since 1889.

A case of revolting inhumanity toward a dog was prosecuted in Springfield, N. H., Tuesday on a complaint signed by Mrs. Jennie B. Powers of Brattleboro, agent of the Vermont Humane society. The respondent was Grant Barrett of North Hinsdale. On Jan. 31 Barrett was driving from North Hinsdale to North Hinsdale, when his dog and a dog owned by Thomas Walsh of Chesterfield got into fighting. Barrett got off his load and, using an axe crushed the skull of Walsh's dog and left him in the road. Later the injured dog was run over by a team and further mangled. Finally the dog regained strength enough to drag itself around and wandered about well into the next day, when it died. When the matter came to Mrs. Powers's attention she entered a complaint with the Keene Humane society. Barrett was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Butler. He pleaded guilty before Judge Slade and paid a fine and costs amounting to \$25. Joseph Madden, prosecuting officer for the Keene society, conducted the prosecution. The case was heard in the Temple of Hinsdale appearing for the respondent.

An Evening of Minstrelsy.

The Quinlan and Wall minstrels will come to the Auditorium next Thursday evening. This is the company's inaugural season, but the organization is owned and directed by Dan Quinlan and Jimmy Wall, who are strongly entrenched behind the experience and success of fifteen years as performers, originators and managers. "A Reception to the Diplomats," the most brilliant and taking specialty ever put on the minstrel stage. Of special interest will be the appearance of the company's comedy pianist, Carl Sanderson, a Brattleboro boy, "at one and the same time artist, humorist and athlete. He plays and laughs and keeps time whistles his tunes and keeps time and laughs with him. He executes the most extraordinary acrobatic manoeuvres and at the same time play the piano." The feature of the olio is the taking sketch, "The Telephone Agent."

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